

OPINION 1877

D.L.G. Karsten (1789), *Museum Leskeanum*, vol. 1 (Regnum Animale): suppressed for nomenclatural purposes

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers the work by D.L.G. Karsten (1789) entitled *Museum Leskeanum, regnum animale, quod ordine systematico* is hereby suppressed for nomenclatural purposes.
- (2) The above work is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Works in Zoological Nomenclature.

History of Case 2962

An application for the suppression for nomenclatural purposes of the work by D.L.G. Karsten (1789) entitled *Museum Leskeanum*, vol. 1, was received from Dr G. Rosenberg (*Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.*) on 12 January 1995. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 53: 38–42 (March 1996). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

It was noted on the voting paper that a number of comments in support had been received before submission of the application (para. 8).

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1997 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 53: 42. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1997 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 22: Bock, Brothers, Cocks, Eschmeyer, Heppell, Kabata, Kerzhner, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Papp, Patterson, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Song, Štys

Negative votes — 1: Bouchet.

No votes were received from Cogger and Dupuis.

Mawatari was on leave of absence.

Bouchet commented: 'I do not think that Karsten's names should displace junior synonyms when those are in current use. However, when Karsten (1789) merely represents an early validation of Martini & Chemnitz names or figures, later validated under the same name by Gmelin (1791) or Röding (1798), then Karsten (1789) should be cited as the author and date and no nomenclatural instability will be caused'.

Original reference

The following is the original reference to the work placed on an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Karsten, D.L.G. 1789. *Museum Leskeanum, regnum animale, quod ordine systematico*.